

Having thus described the invention it is claimed:

1. An adhesive covering for articles, said covering comprising  
a high-shrink, stretchable film;  
a textured finish embossed to one side of said stretchable film;  
a contact adhesive applied to a bottom side of said embossed film; and  
a removable protective covering applied to the contact adhesive, wherein when  
said protective covering is removed and said adhesive covering is applied around an edge of  
said article with a small amount of stretching force, said adhesive covering adapts to a contour  
of said edge without leaving a gap between said contact adhesive and said article.
2. The adhesive covering as set forth in claim 1, wherein said stretchable film  
comprises a stretchable vinyl film.
3. The adhesive covering as set forth in claim 1, wherein said stretchable film  
comprises a stretchable plastic film.
4. The adhesive covering as set forth in claim 1, further including a coating  
applied to said protective covering between said protective covering and said contact  
adhesive, wherein said coating does not adhere permanently to said contact adhesive.
5. The adhesive covering as set forth in claim 2, wherein said textured finish is  
embossed to a bottom side of said stretchable film, between said contact adhesive and said  
stretchable film.
6. The adhesive covering as set forth in claim 1, wherein textured finish simulates  
a natural wood texture.
7. The adhesive covering as set forth in claim 1, wherein said contact adhesive is  
an aggressive contact adhesive.

8. The adhesive covering as set forth in claim 1, wherein said embossed stretchable film has a thickness between 7 and 10 mils (0.18 mm and 0.25 mm).

9. The adhesive covering as set forth in claim 1, wherein said embossed film is suitable for incidental food contact.

10. A method for covering an article having at least one edge, the method comprising:

trimming an adhesive covering as defined in claim 1 to an approximate size;  
removing a protective covering from the trimmed adhesive covering;  
contacting the adhesive bottom surface of the trimmed adhesive covering to a first side of the article;  
stretching the trimmed adhesive covering over the at least one edge of the article; and,  
contacting the trimmed adhesive covering to a second side of the article.

11. The method as set forth in claim 10, further including heating the adhesive covering.

12. A method for covering an article having at least one edge, the method comprising:

trimming an adhesive covering to an approximate size, said adhesive covering comprising:

a high-shrink, stretchable film;  
a textured finish embossed to one side of said stretchable film;  
a contact adhesive applied to a bottom side of said embossed film; and  
a removable protective covering applied to said contact adhesive;  
removing said protective covering from said trimmed adhesive covering;  
contacting said contact adhesive of said trimmed adhesive covering to a first side of said article;

stretching said trimmed adhesive covering over the at least one edge of said article; and,

contacting said contact adhesive to a second side of the article, wherein when said protective covering is removed and said adhesive covering is stretched around said at least one edge of said article, said adhesive covering adapts to a contour of said at least one edge without leaving a gap between said contact adhesive and said article.

13. The method as set forth in claim 12, further including heating the adhesive covering.